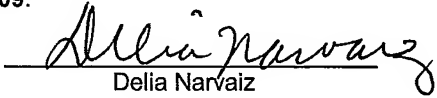


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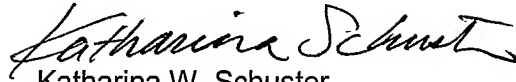
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Enclosed please find the following documents:

1. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), establishing right of assignee to take action.
2. Attachment A, listing assignment recordation reel and frame number for the above-identified patent application; and
  - Assignment from Assignor(s)/Inventor(s) to Assignee Spinal Concepts;
  - Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document from Assignor(s)/Inventor(s) to Assignee Spinal Concepts recorded at Reel/Frame: 015188/0537 on April 5, 2004; and
  - Certificate of Amendment for Name Change from "Spinal Concepts, Inc." to "Abbott Spine Inc." dated April 20, 2005, and
  - Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document for Name Change recorded at Reel/Frame: 022136/0534 on January 20, 2009; and .
3. Power of Attorney or Revocation and Power of Attorney with a New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address.

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